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DTV Tentative Channel Designations for 1,554 Stations Participating in the First Round of DTV Channel Elections

The Media Bureau hereby announces tentative DTV channel designations for 1,554 stations that participated in the first round of DTV channel elections. See Report and Order, Second DTV Periodic Review of the Commission's Rules and Policies Affecting the Conversion to Digital Television, 19 FCC Rcd 18,279 (2004) ("Order"). The list in Attachment I hereto contains tentative DTV channel designations for licensees in the following categories that participated in the first round of channel elections: (1) licensees that were parties to a negotiated channel arrangement (NCA)¹; (2) licensees that elected their DTV channel; and (3) licensees that elected their NTSC channel and did not receive a conflict letter.² The call sign and tentative DTV channel for each of the licensees assigned a tentative channel designation are set forth in Attachment I. Tentative designations in the border zones near Canada and Mexico are subject to appropriate international coordination.

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¹ See In the Matter of Negotiated Channel Election Arrangements, DA 05-1619 (released June 8, 2005).

² By letters dated June 7, 2005, the Media Bureau's Video Division notified approximately 160 licensees, which had elected to keep their allotted NTSC channel as their post-transition DTV channel, that their proposed digital operation on their elected channel would result in impermissible interference to one or more stations. These licensees have until August 8, 2005 to file a First Round Conflict Decision Form 383 indicating how they will resolve the interference conflict.